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the specification of which ☐ is attached hereto ; or ☒ was filed on January 9, 2004 as United States
Application No. or PCT International Application No. 10/755,030 and was amended on
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including
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Country	Application No.	Filed (Day / Mo. / Yr.)	Priority Claimed (Yes / No)
Japan	2003-005154 (Pat.)	10/January/2003	Yes

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May 13, 2004